

**LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINER**  
**KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Regional AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) Section**  
**Hourly Rate Range \$22.10—\$26.87**  
**Job announcement No.: 01UJ1034**  
**Open: 3/19/01                      Close: Open until filled**

**WHO MAY APPLY:** This Career Service position is open to the general public.

**WHERE TO APPLY:** Required forms and materials must be sent to: Office of Human Resources Management, 500 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 450 Seattle WA 98104. Note: Applications not received at the location specified may not be processed.

**FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED:** Submit the following: [King County application form](#), applicant questionnaire.

**WORK LOCATION:** King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave., Seattle

**WORK SCHEDULE:** Scheduled hours are approximately 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday, but Examiners must be available on-call to assist at crime scenes without advance notice, anytime day or night, 7 days per week, including holidays.

**PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE:**

1. Locates processes and preserves prints at crime scenes and on evidence.
2. Evaluates latent prints to determine suitability for comparison and possible AFIS input.
3. Prepares and enters latent prints into the AFIS computerized database.
4. Determines identification and non-identification by comparison and verification of fingerprints.
5. Writes reports on analysis performed and testifies in court as an expert witness regarding methods used and conclusions reached.
6. Provides formal and informal training to law enforcement officers concerning proper collection and preservation of physical evidence, which may contain latent prints.
7. Trains, assists and directs the work of Identification Technicians in methods and practices of identification work.
8. Takes finger, palm, and footprints from victims of crime, potentially violent suspects and dead bodies.
9. Responds in County Crime Scene van to crime scenes in various parts of the County, day or night.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Two years hands-on experience in fingerprint processing, comparison and identification are required, in addition to technical training. Candidates must have **knowledge of:** safety considerations for handling biohazards and caustic chemicals; forensic photography; evidence handling procedures; and **ability to** exercise technically accurate judgment in effecting positive identifications, negative comparisons, or in determining a print is of no value for comparison purposes; give clear, credible and persuasive expert testimony and explain scientific methods and results to an average juror; stay current in the profession and make methodology recommendations through research and participation in advanced training; maintain professional demeanor when in contact with attorneys, court officers, defendants and the public concerning cases involving highly controversial and emotionally-charged issues; maintain confidentiality, communicate clearly in written and oral reports.

**HIGHLY DESIREABLE:** Certification by the IAI as a Latent Print Examiner.

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT (S):** By State law, applicants for Civil Service positions must be United States citizens who are able to read, write and speak the English language. By the date of hire the applicant must possess a valid Washington State driver's license.

**UNION MEMBERSHIP:** Positions in this classification will be represented by Local 519.

## **APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE- PART ONE**

In order to apply for the King County Sheriff's Office, you must answer the following employment conditions and background questions. Circle your answers in the table on this page. Please answer carefully. **All answers will be verified in the course of the required background investigation and polygraph examination. Dishonest answers will be grounds for rejecting your application.** If you have questions regarding the meaning of any statement listed below, seek clarification before you submit your application. **NOTE: If you have committed illegal actions (whether or not you were caught) other than very minor actions, such as stealing a pencil from your employer or a candy bar as a child, please call prior to submitting an application to find out whether these actions will disqualify you, to:**

Background Investigator, Detective Katie Larson (206 ) 296-4074

1. Are you now a United States citizen?	YES	NO
2. Can you read, write and speak the English language so as to be easily understood?	YES	NO
3. Have you been convicted of a felony as an adult?	YES	NO
4. Have you bought, sold, possessed, transported or used marijuana within the last three years?	YES	NO
5. Have you bought, sold, possessed, transported or used any other controlled substance such as, cocaine, opiates, LSD, or other illegal non-prescription drugs within the last five years?	YES	NO
6. Have you ever committed any serious illegal acts (whether or not you were caught)? (This does <i>not</i> include crimes such as shoplifting a pack of gum as a juvenile.) <i>Note: Misdemeanors committed after the age of 18 will be screened on an individual basis.</i>	YES	NO
7. Do you have a record of frequent lateness or absence from work with current or past employers?	YES	NO
8. Have you checked with the Background Investigator about any illegal acts you have committed about which there could be some question during your background investigation?	YES	NO
9. DO YOU EXCEED THE 6 POINT DRIVING VIOLATION LIMIT FOR THE MOST RECENT 36 MONTHS, WHEN THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT DRIVING STANDARDS ARE APPLIED TO YOUR DRIVING HISTORY (SEE BELOW).	YES	NO

**KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT DRIVING STANDARDS**  
(for 36 months preceding the date of application)

Violation	Points
Revocation of driver's license	8
Denial of issuance of driver's license	8
Negligent homicide	8
Driving while intoxicated (involving an accident)	8
Driving while intoxicated (no accident involved)	6
Reckless driving (involving an accident)      8	
Reckless driving (no accident involved)	6
Negligent driving (involving an accident)      6	
Negligent driving (no accident involved)      4	
Hit and run (attended)	8
Hit and run (unattended)	6
Driving while driver's license suspended (DWLS)	4
Speeding in excess of the posted limit:	
0 - 14 over	2
15 - 19 over	3
20 - 25 over	4
Over 25	6
Convictions or forfeitures for other moving violations:	
Each violation involving an accident	4
Each violation not involving an accident      2	

***APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE- PART TWO***

Please type your answers to the following questions on separate plain white 8.5 x 11 paper. IDENTIFY THIS PAGE WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ONLY. From these questions, along with your application, raters will assess your ability to perform critical elements of the job.

1. Briefly describe and quantify your fingerprint identification experience and training. State how much of it, if any, involved latent prints.
2. Describe your experience using 35mm cameras to take 1:1 ratio photographs and the use of color filtration to enhance images.
3. During your employment as a fingerprint examiner or identification technician, have you ever made a misidentification (bum id)? If so, describe the circumstances surrounding this event.
4. Have you ever testified in a Court of Law? If yes:
  - A) What type of court (State, Federal, District, etc.)?
  - B) How many times?
  - C) What was the subject matter?
5. Are you a member of any forensic professional organization?